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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Major Pratt	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Col. Hallett	Air Force
Maj. Rush	Air Force
Mr. Strickland	Air Force
	CIA
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2. The outlook for NIS production during the remainder of FY 1951 was discussed. The Armed Forces members reported that the Far Eastern situation had brought about a considerable diversion of production effort from the NIS to ad hoc operational projects of high priority. The State and Air Force members stated that it was the intention of their Agencies to fulfill, generally, their commitments, but the Army and Navy members expressed the opinion that their Agencies could meet only approximately two-thirds of their commitments for FY 1951, and these estimates were contingent on certain augmentation of producing staffs and changes in presently scheduled area coverage. The Chairman announced that the situation has been reported to the DCI and had been considered by the IAC with the result that a letter was being sent by the DCI to the Secretary of Defense requesting the allocation from the General Defense Budget of special funds for personnel to be devoted only to NIS work. The need for raising the personnel ceilings and making provision for adequate space for producing components was brought out in discussion. It was agreed that no comprehensive revision would be made in the production schedule pending receipt of a reply to the DCI letter, and it was further agreed that the Agencies would keep NIS production under constant review and keep D/NIS informed.

3. The following changes in the FY 1951 production schedule, proposed by Navy, were approved:

a. Section 35 (Ports and Naval Facilities) and Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities) of NIS No. 3 (France) to be scheduled for February 1951, in substitution

for Section 35 and Supplement I of NIS 23 (Bulgaria), which are to be dropped from the FY 1951 production schedule.

b. Section 35 and Supplement I of NIS No. 9 (Spain) to be scheduled for April 1951, in substitution for Section 35 and Supplement I of NIS No. 12 (Finland), which are to be dropped from the FY 1951 production schedule.

c. Section 35 and Supplement I of NIS No. 17 (Italy) to be scheduled for June 1951, in substitution for Section 35 and Supplement I of NIS No. 20 (Albania), which are to be dropped from the FY 1951 production schedule.

4. A proposal by the State member that the NIS Program be expanded to provide for the production of interim studies on specific or general basic subjects on relatively short notice was submitted to the members for consideration. Attached as an integral part of the proposal was an outline of the type of study envisioned. Following discussion of the proposal the Committee decided that the type of study indicated by the outline was departmental rather than interdepartmental in nature and as such did not come within the frame of NIS Committee jurisdiction. Further, the Committee did not feel that it could feasibly take on the responsibility for scheduling interim reports without conflicting with priorities established by the JCS. In the opinion of the Committee the maximum effort should be applied to the production of scheduled NIS and there was general agreement that any diversion of the present limited capabilities of the contributing agencies to satisfy ad hoc requirements would not be in the best interests of the program. It was, therefore, decided that the interim type of study proposed by State should not be undertaken in the NIS Program.

5. Revision of the statements identifying producers and contributors to NIS sections was discussed. All Agencies are to submit information on the changes desired. D/NIS is to submit a revised list of "Contributors' Statements" for the approval of the Committee as soon as the necessary information has been furnished by the Agencies.

6. In response to a query by the Chairman, the Navy member stated that he had requested the ONI officer concerned to arrange a meeting with the Chairman, or the Chapter IX Coordinator, to clarify a question which had been raised regarding the availability of ONI controlled aerial photographs for use in NIS No. 53 (Egypt). The Navy member is to follow up to ensure that an understanding is reached in the matter.

7. Members are to ascertain requirements for binder posts for the NIS and submit them at the next meeting.

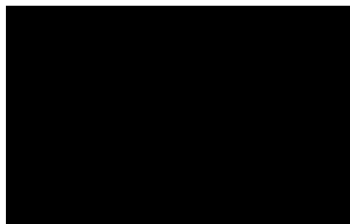
8. The Air Force member submitted for the consideration of the Committee the suggestion of the Director of Intelligence, USAF, that the allocation of production responsibility for NIS be reexamined at this

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time to determine whether or not the Air Force and CIA should not be carrying a larger share of the NIS production responsibility. The Chairman stated that the allocation of production responsibility for the NIS was under constant review by the NIS Committee. He pointed out that CIA was now contributing to and coordinating production of Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal); producing Section 56 (Intelligence and Security), which was transferred from State; and had just recently taken over from Army the responsibility for coordinating the production of Chapter VII (Scientific), in addition to production responsibility for several sections thereof. The policy of the Committee has been to allocate production responsibility to the CIA and those agencies of the government which are best qualified by reason of their intelligence requirements, production capabilities, and dominant interest to assume the production and maintenance responsibility. The Chairman suggested and the Air Force member agreed that his Agency should survey its capabilities for producing NIS and submit recommendations to the Committee for such reallocation of production responsibility to the Air Force as the results of the survey seem to warrant.

9. The next meeting will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday,  
29 August 1950, in CIA.

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